

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Isanti Soil & Water Conservation District FY09 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

Soil erosion (wind & water)

Water Quality/Impaired Waters

Nutrient and Pest Management

Prescribed Grazing Systems

Habitat Improvement

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

The North Branch of the Sunrise River Watershed, which is impaired for aquatic recreation due to high levels of Fecal Coliform Bacteria.

The Rum River Watershed and all other DNR Waters within Isanti County are impaired because of high levels of sedimentation.

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

Soil erosion in the Sunrise River Watershed or Rum River Watershed.

Water quality concerns in the Sunrise River Watershed or the Rum River Watershed.

All practices that will reduce sediment levels in impaired waters of the county.

Applications addressing Prescribed grazing.

Habitat improvement practices throughout the county.

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

Soil Erosion- the applicant will install practices that reduce soil erosion below T.

Water Quality- the applicant will install practices that address water quality concerns within the Sunrise River Watershed or the Rum River Watershed.

Impaired Waters- the applicant will install practices that will improve water quality. Practice such as Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CNMP), filterstrips or riparian buffers, and Closure of Waste Impoundments will be implemented. More points will be given if practice is within 500 feet or reduced points if practice is within 1000 feet of impaired waters.

Prescribed Grazing- the applicant will complete a prescribed grazing plan.

Wildlife Habitat Improvement- the applicant will install practices that will improve wildlife habitat in terms of food, water, and cover.

5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions must equal exactly 40 points.

Maximum points an applicant could receive would be 40 points

5 points: Soil Erosion

10 points: Water Quality

10 points: Within 500 foot buffer or 10 points if within 1000 foot buffer of Impaired Waters or in the Sunrise River Watershed, or the Rum River Watershed

5 points: Wildlife Habitat Improvement

10 points: Prescribed Grazing Plan

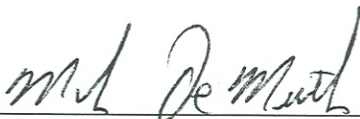
6. Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC (FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.

7. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document

None

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 08 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.



Chair, Local Work Group

12/12/08
Date

Local Work Group meeting was held November 25, 2008 at the Cambridge Service Center at 9:00 am. Public input meeting was held at 8:00 a.m.

Local members who developed local EQIP scoring: Mark DeMuth- Isanti SWCD, Leroy Sandven- FSA CED, DNR- Mike Mueller, U.S. Fish and Wildlife- Paul Soler, and Josh Bork & Herman Bartsch- NRCS.

Member absent: public input.